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"In all this, President Trump gravely endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of Government. He threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coequal branch of Government. He thereby betrayed his trust as President, to the manifest injury of the people of the United States."

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Trump impeached again

An isolated president has few willing to defend him

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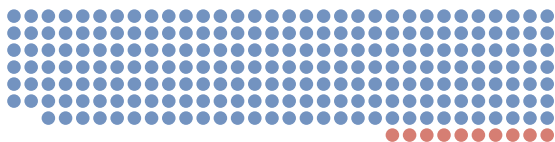
When Donald Trump on Wednesday became the first president ever impeached twice, he did so as a leader increasingly isolated, sullen and vengeful.

With less than seven days remaining in his presidency, Trump's inner circle is shrinking, offices in his White House are emptying, and the president is lashing out at some of those who remain. He is angry that his allies have not mounted a more forceful defense of his incitement of the mob that stormed the Capitol last week, advisers and associates said.

Though Trump has been exceptionally furious with Vice President Pence, his relationship with lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani, one of his most steadfast defenders, is also fracturing, according to people with knowledge of the dynamics between the men.

Trump has instructed aides not to pay Giuliani's legal fees, two officials said, and has demanded that he personally approve any reimbursements for the expenses Giuliani incurred while traveling on the president's behalf to challenge election results in key states. They said Trump has privately expressed concern with some of Giuliani's moves and did not appreciate a

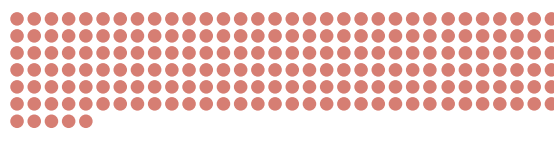
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Incitement of insurrection
President Trump is accused of inciting the mob that stormed the Capitol

232 to 197

Republicans who voted in favor of impeachment: Reps. Liz Cheney (Wyo.), Jaime Herrera Beutler (Wash.), John Katko (N.Y.), Adam Kinzinger (Ill.), Fred Upton (Mich.), Dan Newhouse (Wash.), Peter Meijer (Mich.), Anthony Gonzalez (Ohio), Tom Rice (S.C.) and David G. Valadao (Calif.)



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi presides over a vote to impeach President Trump on Wednesday, exactly one week after a mob breached the Capitol. Ten Republicans broke ranks and joined Democrats in the effort. See excerpts from the debate at wapo.st/Impeachment0114.

Senate trial is likely to occur after departure

BY MIKE DeBONIS
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The House made history Wednesday by impeaching a president for a second time, indicting President Trump a week before he leaves office for inciting a riot with false claims of a stolen election that led to the storming of the Capitol and five deaths.

Unlike Trump's first impeachment, which proceeded with almost no GOP support, Wednesday's effort attracted 10 Republicans, including Rep. Liz Cheney, the No. 3 party leader in the House. The Senate now appears likely to hold a trial after Trump's departure, an unprecedented scenario that could end with lawmakers barring him from holding the presidency again.

The final vote was 232 to 197. One of the final dramas of a tumultuous presidency, the impeachment unfolded against the backdrop of near-chaos in the House and uncertainty about where Trump's exit leaves the GOP. Democrats and Republicans exchanged accusations and name-calling throughout the day, while Trump loyalists were livid at fellow Republicans who broke ranks — especially Cheney — leaving the party's leadership shaken.

But despite the emotions stirred by the Capitol assault, the

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Seeds of siege in QAnon's radicalization of the right

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The siege on the U.S. Capitol played out as a QAnon fantasy made real: The faithful rose up in their thousands, summoned to Washington by their leader, President Trump. They seized the people's house as politicians cowered under desks. Hordes wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the "Q" symbol and toting Trump flags closed in to deliver justice, armed with zip-tie handcuffs and rope and guns.

The "#Storm" envisioned on far-right message boards had arrived. And two women who had died in the rampage — both QAnon devotees — had become what some were calling the first martyrs of the cause.

The siege ended with police retaking the Capitol and Trump being rebuked and losing his Twitter account. But the failed insurrection illustrated how the paranoid conspiracy theory QAnon has radicalized Americans, reshaped the Republican Party and gained a forceful grip on right-wing belief.

Born in the Internet's fever swamps, QAnon played an unmistakable role in energizing rioters during the real-world attack on Jan. 6. A man in a "Q" T-shirt led the breach of the Senate, while a shirtless, fur-clad

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D.C. security footprint swells ahead of inauguration

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National Guard forces from a growing list of states moved into positions across Washington on Wednesday as authorities scrambled to understand the extent of threats surrounding President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration and prevent a repeat of last week's deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

Security officials conducted tabletop exercises to rehearse inauguration security and strengthen coordination among a massive patchwork of police, National Guard troops and federal personnel that is expected to fan out ahead of protests this weekend and the Jan. 20 transfer of power.

By next week, the D.C. police chief said, upward of 20,000 guardsmen were expected to be in place to guard against violence, days after supporters of President Trump smashed their way into the Capitol as lawmakers

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National Guardsmen rest in the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday. D.C.'s acting police chief said that upward of 20,000 guardsmen were expected to be in place as Inauguration Day approached.

One year later, a very different nation seethes

BY DAN BALZ

President Trump fixed a place in history once again Wednesday as the first president to be twice impeached. But the background

and circumstances of this latest rebuke are likely to be remembered as much as or more than the vote itself — set against a country seething with anger and with the streets

of the capital patrolled by thousands of troops ahead of the coming transfer of power.

Over the nearly six-year span encompassing Trump's entry into politics and the life of his presidency, the country has been changed dramatically, but never as much as in the time between the two impeachment votes. When Trump's term ends, he will leave behind a country not just divided and in disrepair but one

that has been seeded with combustible obstacles in the path of President-elect Joe Biden.

There will be no clean break from one administration to another. The effects of Trump's presidency will spill over into the early days — and perhaps longer — of Biden's administration, from a Senate impeachment trial to threats of violence and unrest that have shown no real sign of

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Majority leader has not ruled out conviction in Senate trial. **A8**

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